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ROTATABLE PORTIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
United States Patent & Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States patent,
please amend as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-4, 6, 8, and 10-12. Attached hereto is a
marked copy as well as a clean copy of the amended claims.

REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple
dependencies in order to conform with U.S. practice. An early action
on the merits is respectfully requested.